(b) if so, the estimated percentage of labourers migrating from each State annually;

(c) whether the reasons for such migration have also been examined; and

(d) if so, the main reasons with regard to each State, for such migration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Accelerated movement of people mainly from the rural areas in search of better employment opportunities has been one of the most important features of the labour market of States in the country. As a result of which, people are migrating from one State to another. Since migration is a continuous process, data regarding number of persons migrating from one state to another is not maintained at Central level.

Decline in productivity by labour

†3122. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's GDP is likely to suffer a loss to the tune of Rs.1,00,000 crores annually due to poor productivity by the labourers;

(b) if not, Government's estimate is this regard; and

(c) whether Government had started any national level programme in recent days for boosting producitivity and if so, the blue-print thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The loss in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on account of factors such as productivity of the labourers is not measured. However, the growth rate in GDP at factor cost at constant (1993-94) prices during 2002-03 is estimated to be positive i.e. 4.3 per cent over the year 2001 -02.

(c) The labour productivity in India is low due to lack of infrastructure, technology, skill, etc. The planning process in India is aimed at creating conditions for improvement in labour productivity through provisions of

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training, up-gradation of skills and improvement in tool-kits, equipments and production techniques. The resources have been accordingly directed through the plan porgrammes towards achieving this objective.

Supreme court's direction on child labour

3123. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court's direction regarding the manner in which the children working in hazardous occupations, are to be withdrawn from work and rehabilitated, are strictly followed by all the State Governments;

(b) whether -Government monitor the action taken by the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The implementation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is being monitored by the Government and compliance of the directions have been reported in the form of Affidavits on 05.12.1997, 21 -12-1999,04-12-2000, and 04.07.2001 to the Hon'ble Court on the basis of the information received from the State/UT Governments.

Assistance to workers abroad

3124. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of assistance provided to Indian workers in foreign countries once they are in distress, and

(b) the help provided to such workers during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Indian workers in distress abroad are provided temporary relief for meeting their financial needs in times of extreme difficulty. They are also assisted in their repatriation. Additionally, some

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